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For : DEVICE TO DELIVER A POWDERY MEDICINE INTO NASAL CAVITY

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby brings the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application, which includes information cited and discussed in the specification and the International Search Report issued in connection with International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2003/012958, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. A copy of the International Search Report was enclosed with the papers when entering the U.S. National Stage on March 31, 2006. The Examiner is invited to review these materials to inspect the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited therein. The following is a list of the documents cited in the above-noted documents:

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. SHO 46-49094, together with patent family member United Kingdom Patent Publication No. GB 1 338 254. Applicant notes that the Japanese document is cited and discussed on page 1 of the specification of the present application;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2003-154006, together with an English language abstract and machine translation of the same; and

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 9-276405, together with an English language abstract and machine translation of the same.

Applicant also call to the Examiner's attention the following documents:  
U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0177095; and  
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/550,490 to TSUTSUI, which was filed on September 26, 2005.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), a copy of the U.S. patent application publication is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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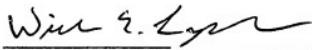
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Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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